

MFO #157-1092 Sub- Clippings on Sanitation strike, 154 pp.

Begins with news accounts 3/25/68 violence. Ends with settlement strike.

MFO 157-1092 - on Sanitation strike.

Second of two undated not recorded withheld entirely, 11 pages described as "telephone contact records of Photo." Exemption b(7)(d).

Note that the FBI's classification of the strike, #157, is Boothings and Racial Matters. And that the one code includes both.

These files show that the FBI was clipping newspapers and indexing the names of citizens engaged in normal and proper pursuits, like preachers, students, etc. Even the names of churches where meetings were held and the fathers of political figures. What legal right it had to monitor a local strike is not immediately apparent but that it used this as an excuse for additional domestic intelligence operations is apparent.

Section 2, MFO 15701902, Serials 60-139, 260 pp.

Here and earlier serials, FBI agents were watching strikers and marchers. Two SAs even covered meetings of City Council. (Serial 61) When there was a march- and there were many- MFO sent a teletype to HQ reporting it. Many illustrations, here Serial 64.

What appears to be Serial 76 also appears to be other than a MFO file copy. This one bears an HQ number written on, 157-109276.

In a series of TTs beginning with 88 they had King under observation at least as far as his travel plans were concerned from LA, where it was airport police, all the way to Memphis for 2/18, including sheriff at N.O. airport. Inside Atlanta SCLC source was beginning of this. Used airline sources, etc., and even reported when plane was airborne.

Even upper middle-class women who disagreed with Loeb's position on the strike found their way into the FBI's indexes. (Serial 110) from news stories that were indexed.

Apparent (115) that police had infiltrated even all the student groups, white as well as black. This LHM gives the names, from the police, of those participating at meetings.

Much of this section straight domestic intelligence not directly connected with strike.

Section 3, Serials 14-205 163 pp.

The domestic intelligence predominance continues. In Serial 168 on the day of the 3/28 violence the FBI was able to contact its SCLC Atlanta source and get from this source what was in King's mind.

MFO # 157-1092 Sec. 4, Serials 206-298 237 pp. (Givers only a 1-week period!)

232 McCullough in prior MPD training school. ID and role and codename MAX revealed to FBI, in 4/3/68 memo Wm H Lawrence to SAC.

Continues that few of these records relate to strike and those that do to first amendment activities.

247- the use of b(7)(d) on this Chicago TT indicates that the Chicago source, being sent by SCIC to Memphis, was in fact an FBI informer.

157-1168-5 included between serials 262 and 263. it is Atlanta Teletype on what four sources reported to SCLC.

In this part of Section indicators of NY coverage on Levison, Wachtel.

273 they forgot to mask S38 written in over "source once," what had access to what went on in SCLC planning meetings of SCLC, CORE and others in Memphis. P. 7 has as with King on landing in Memphis, Abernathy, Young, Bernard Lee, Dorothy Cotton. Source five is D or P A or W, written in above typed numbering of source.

References to "agitator" types from Detroit and Chicago make me wonder if these could have been agents provocateurs. 56 copies distributed inside FBI alone. Date 4/5/68 but does not refer to assassination.

275 & Airtel of 4/6, only 29 copies, with directions to WFO to check under "Methodist Church, Road and Religion Division, for one Ernest Smith. They had sources inside the strategy sessions. P. 10, Dorothy Cotton returned to Memphis morning 4/4/68. King, Abernathy and Young arranged for one-way tickets a.m. 4/5.

This gives time and source of FBI's knowledge that King had been shot: At about 6:07 Lt. E.H. Arkin phoned to report it.

Section 5, Serials 291-339 264 pp.

312- Memphis source described as personal friend of Abernathy.

323 is TT to HQ, copy by air to Atlanta only, on end strike 4/16/77. Mass distribution no longer necessary. But wide for details settlement in Ser. 331, 4/16

Intelligence collected from all over on those in support of strike, esp. after King killed. 327 is 7 pp Chicago report (157-955 Cg files) on Jesse Jackson.

331- police even knew when what kind of chartered plane with Abernathy and named others landed at other than main airport bldg. Who met plane, its number- surveillance in advance. Meaning their informer told them when plane would land where and they had someone there.

333 Someone was giving out Mao quotes so the WFO opens a "Progressive Labor Party File (100-4957) because there was a NY FO airtel stating PLP was forming an ad hoc committee to aid sanitation strikes. (Wonder if they have a 100 file on the Pope?)

343- Is this Richard Ryan's son on p. 27

355, 4/9/68, 66 pp., lists all arrests ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ connection with 3/28 disturbances, through 3/30/68

357 is 9 pp complete and detailed report on C.O.M.E., with 7 pp attachment of its proposed bylaws. It is so detailed, with so many names, it must have involved at least an officer or one of position to be able to obtain this kind of info. While 28 copies are listed as having been made, 27 are recorded as filed in 25 different WFO files. & 7/26/68. Lawrence report to SAC (Wm. H. Lawrence.) Straight domestic intelligence. The strike was over more than three months.

358 7/30/68 J.E. Ivy is black detective who covered sanitation workers meeting. In Intel. Unit.